



# AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## AURORA POLICE ARREST AND CHARGE 25-YEAR-OLD WITH DRUG INDUCED HOMICIDE

Aurora Police detectives have arrested a 25-year-old Naperville man and charged him with drug induced homicide after he provided drugs to a young man that resulted in his death.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, Aurora Police officers responded to a 911 call for a report of a 24-year-old man unconscious and not breathing in the 200 block of South Commonwealth Avenue. When officers arrived at the home, they found 24-year-old Austin Bank deceased in an upstairs bedroom. Detectives and Evidence Technicians responded to the scene and began interviewing witnesses and collecting evidence.

The Kane County Coroner's Office responded to the scene and took custody of the body to perform an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death. As a result of an autopsy by the Kane County Coroner's Office, detectives learned that the victim's cause of death was a combined fentanyl and ketamine intoxication.

Through the course of the investigation, detectives found evidence that the victim and 25-year-old Samuel Nesnidal, exchanged text messages about a potential drug transaction on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Detectives learned that Nesnidal provided 2 grams of "k," which is a common street name for the ketamine and 2 ounces of a "drink" to the victim. Ketamine is a medication primarily used for induction and maintenance of anesthesia.

The facts and evidence of the case were presented to the Kane County State's Attorney's Office who authorized the one count of Drug Induced Homicide, a Class X Felony, against 25-year-old Samuel Nesnidal of the 2300 block of Putnam Drive in Naperville. Nesnidal was arrested in Yorkville on Thursday, without incident.

"Drug overdoses are all too common in our communities and there are too many people selling and providing drugs to victims," Aurora Police spokesman Paris Lewbel said. "We investigate each overdose to hold the people who sell and provide drugs to victims accountable for their actions."

Charges are not proof of guilt. The defendant listed in this release is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, at which it is the burden of the State to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

If you or someone you know is struggling with drug abuse, contact the Illinois Helpline by visiting [www.helplineil.org](http://www.helplineil.org), by calling 833-234-6343, or by texting "HELP" to 833234.

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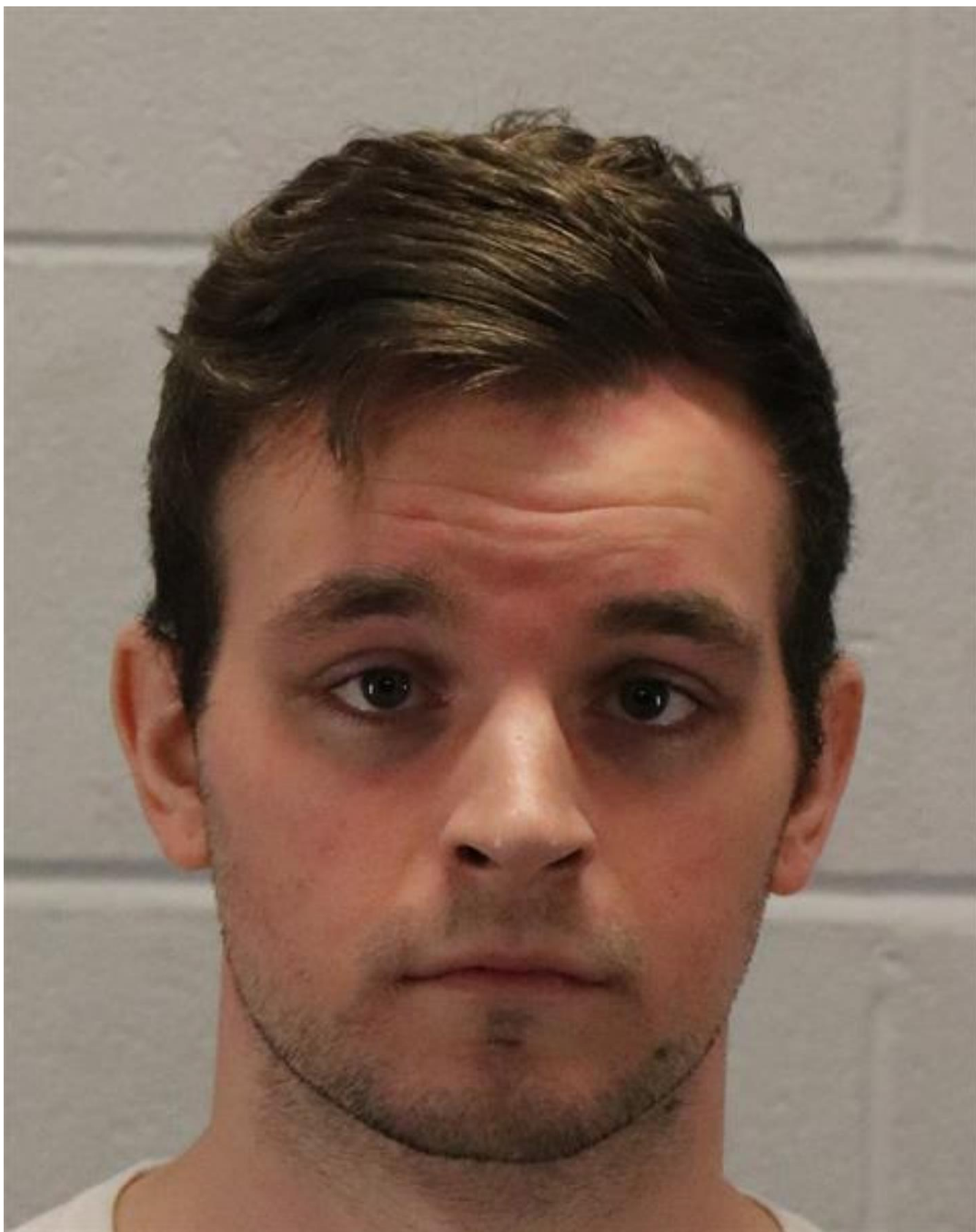
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*Aurora Police Department Booking Photo Attached*



**Samuel Nesnidal**  
*Aurora Police Department Booking Photo*